

**Indiana Course-Aligned Assessment
United States History – Sample Items**

1. What triggered the start of World War II in Europe?

A German army invaded Poland.
B The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.
C The German Air Force bombed London.
D Germany signed a non-aggression pact with Russia.

2. The relationship between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev grew into a _____.

A hatred based on mutual distrust
B friendship based on mutual understanding toward nuclear weapons
C powerful military pact designed to dominate the world
D disappointing realization that the world would never experience peace

3. Read the following excerpt from the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

“No person, demeaning himself in a peaceable and orderly manner, shall ever be molested on account of his mode of worship or religious sentiments, in the said territory.”

Explain one major idea that is expressed in this excerpt.

Answer Key

Item	Answer	Alignment
1	A	USH.5.2
2	B	USH.8.2
3	Student answers should include one of the following: The right to freedom of religion; the right to worship without fear of punishment; the right to personal religious beliefs; other valid answers.	USH.1.1